

--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/02665, filed March 27, 2000, in the European Patent Office; additionally, Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 99830189.9, filed April 1, 1999, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/134,665, filed May 18, 1999, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of all of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

Page 1, line 9, add section subheading --Description of the Related Art-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Hereinbelow, the expression 'closed batch mixer'"

Page 6, line 34, add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The Applicant has found that it is possible"

Page 12, line 5, add section heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "In any case, a better understanding"